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POLAND

Polish union leaders have decided to appeal the charges by the Warsaw court yesterday to sensitive portions of the union's statutes but have not revealed what other tactics they will pursue to counter the court's provocation.

Union leader Walesa yesterday said only that the union would appeal to the Supreme Court and that the union leadership would meet on Monday for further discussions. The union leaders might decide that the regime has acted deviously and that only the threat of a general strike will bring acceptable results.

Before the court session, Walesa reportedly had agreed to include as an appendix to the statutes a statement in which Solidarity recognized the leading role of the Communist Party. After the court changed the statutes, Walesa commented that the regime will not "do to us" things that "we do not want done."

The court may have been attempting to force Solidarity to accept a fait accompli. Some regime leaders may hope that union leaders would believe that the practical advantages to be gained from registration would be more important than continuing to struggle over legalistic and somewhat symbolic issues. The court's action, however, is more likely to convince moderates like Walesa to accept the arguments of those in the union who have been arguing that the regime cannot be trusted and that more forceful action is therefore required.

Kirilenko's Speech

Politburo member Kirilenko has become the first Soviet official to make a public allusion to the situation in Poland. In his speech on Wednesday in Czechoslovakia, he assailed the West for interference in the internal affairs of socialist countries and for "nurturing designs to undermine the foundations of the socialist system."

We are increasingly confident that Kirilenko's visit is motivated in part by concern about Poland and a desire to coordinate Soviet and East European policies. Hungarian Politburo member Aczel also is visiting Czechoslovakia

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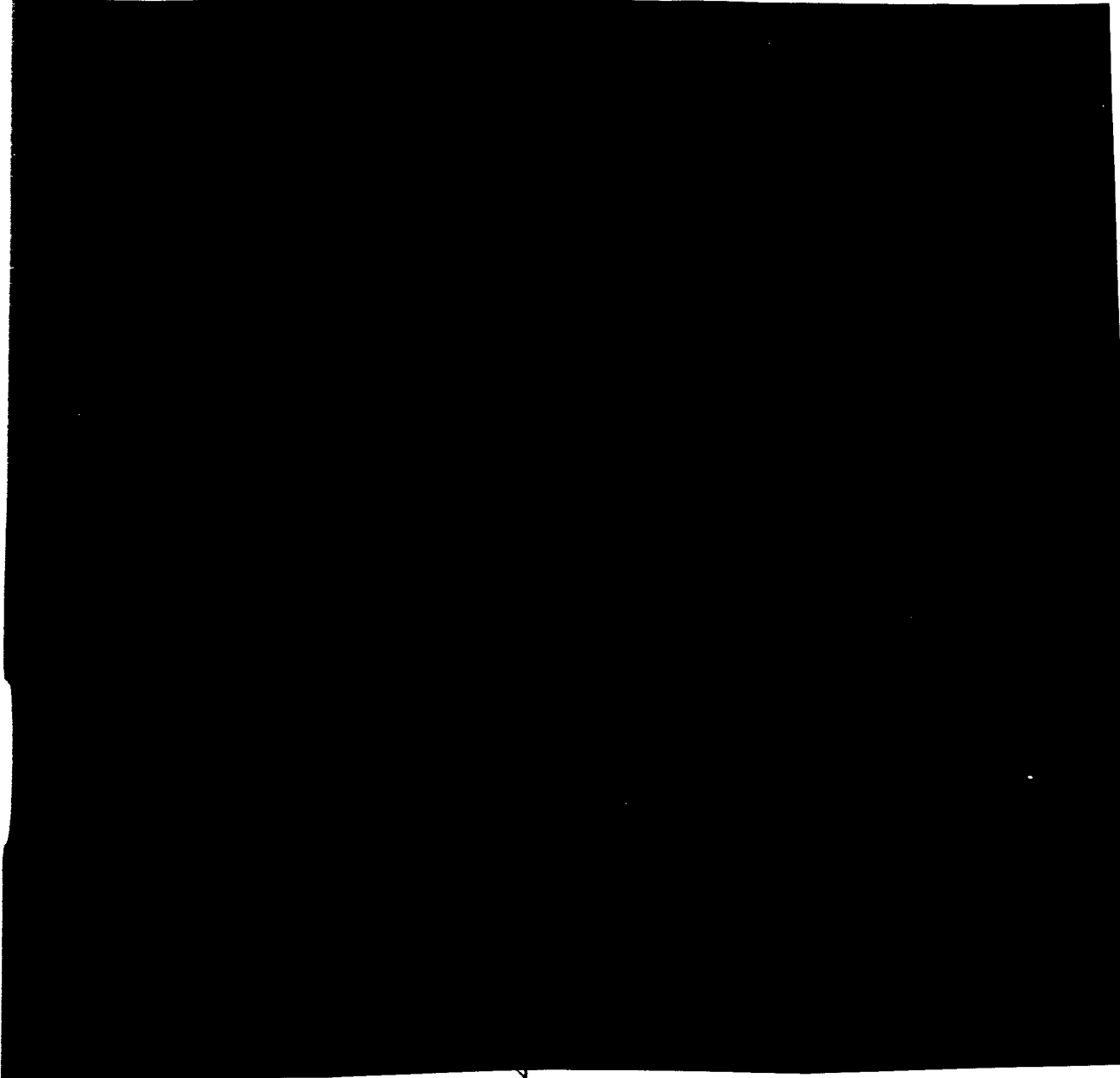
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and may have consulted with Kirilenko. His visit was publicly billed as concerning "economic cooperation," but Aczel is responsible for ideological and party affairs, and he does not normally handle economic matters.



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